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**Subject:** End of Day -- June 11, 2018

## PRESS

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**KMUD News** (Lauren Schmidt) [received 6/8] – CLOSED – Reporter did phone interview with Eric Byous regarding the Brownfields grant that Humboldt County received. Reporter expects story to run by the end of the week. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**Inside EPA** (Suzanne Yohannan) [Received 6/7] – CLOSED – Reporter is asking about the status of EPA's response to a May 14 letter from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi regarding Tetra Tech's work at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Provided written response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**Hoodline Oakland** (Scott Morris) [received 6/5] – OPEN – Reporter would like to write a piece about the lead testing that started in West Oakland this week. Working with program on response. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**Bloomberg** (Emily Dooley) [received 5/31] – OPEN – Reporter is the new correspondent covering California for Bloomberg Environment; she would like to interview RA Stoker the week of June 11 or June 18. Working to set up, waiting to hear back on questions. ORA, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**KQED** (Danielle Venton) [Received 5/31] – OPEN – Science editor is interested in interviewing RA Stoker for piece about his priorities for Region 9. Reporter will interview RA Stoker on 6/20. Reporter would like to know RA's location for interview, so station can arrange for a producer to do a tape sync. ORA, NorCal. Michele Huitric

## WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

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### Social Media:

**Nutrient Sensor Challenge** – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about phase two of the contest and linked to an [informational webinar](#) about how to design.

### Web Updates:

**Public Notice/Air** – Published the [Public Notice: Express Fuel Draft Permit; Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment Under the Tribal Minor NSR Program](#).

**West Coast Collaborative** – Published new content about the current request for proposals to our [West Coast Collaborative](#) site.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA):** Brent Maier has reached out again today to Chesna Foord, Director of Scheduling and Freda Hawver Pachter, Deputy Scheduler in the DC Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein to see about setting up a meeting for Regional Administrator Mike Stoker and Senator Feinstein when he is back in Washington, DC on June 27, 2018. Still awaiting word back from the Senator's schedulers as to whether a meeting is possible.

**Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12):** At the request of Chief of Staff Amy Miller, Brent Maier has reached out to Rep. Nancy Pelosi's DC office to see if a meeting can be arranged for Regional Administrator Mike Stoker and Rep. Pelosi for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Awaiting word back as to whether a meeting is possible. In addition, Brent will be reaching out to Sen. Kamala Harris' office as well for a meeting on the same date.

**Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24):** Brent Maier received a request from Greg Haas, Field Representative in the Congressman's San Luis Obispo's District Office to set up a call for an update on the Arroyo Grande aquifer exemption issue. Brent offered up a call to Greg Haas and Water Division's David Albright for Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am and Greg Haas has confirmed his availability.

**Congressional Outreach on Final Approval of the Second 10-Year SO<sub>2</sub> Maintenance Plan for the Douglas Maintenance Area:** Brent Maier alerted Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Rep. Martha McSally that on Friday, June 8, 2018, the Federal Register published a notice finalizing approval of the second 10-year maintenance plan for Douglas, Arizona for the 1971 sulfur dioxide standards. The plan demonstrates maintenance of the 1971 SO<sub>2</sub> standards through 2030 and fulfills Arizona's Clean Air Act planning obligations for the 1971 SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS in the Douglas maintenance area. The notice and docket are available at: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-R09-OAR-2017-0537>

**Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52):** Brent Maier shared some follow up information with Anaïs Borja, MPA, Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congressman Scott H. Peters along with an Excel spreadsheet attachment. We let Anaïs know that in 2017, EPA and the North American Development Bank solicited applications for funding under EPA's Border Water Infrastructure Program. Attached is a table that identifies the projects from California and Baja California that applied for our funding, including estimated costs. We have an open application process and additional projects may apply for funding at any time and that EPA may select projects from this list as funding becomes available.

**EPA Budget Update - House Appropriations Committee:** On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY19 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill on a vote of 25-20. The legislation includes funding for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, and various independent and related agencies. In total, the legislation provides \$35.25 billion, equal to the FY18 enacted level. **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).** The FY19 spending bill funds the EPA at \$7.96 billion - \$100 million below the FY18 enacted level. EPA regulatory programs are reduced by \$228 million below current levels. The bill also provides the following funding, among other provisions: \$2.6 billion for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund, which states and localities use for water infrastructure projects; an increase of \$40 million for cleanup of Superfund sites; and, \$75 million for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to "leverage federal dollars to provide financing for more than \$8 billion in water infrastructure projects," according to the Committee. Additionally, the legislation provides the following policy changes: it fully repeals the "Waters of the United States" regulation; prohibits "regulation of lead content of ammunition and fishing tackle, relieving livestock operations from EPA permitting requirements, and exempting livestock producers from EPA greenhouse gas regulations;" and a directive that aims to "establish clear policies that reflect the carbon neutrality of biomass." For more information

regarding the markup, please visit: <https://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=395329> For a report of the legislation by Majority Committee staff, please visit: <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP00/20180606/108402/HRPT-115-HR.pdf> For a summary of the bill provided by Majority Staff, please visit: <https://appropriations.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=395336>

**EPA Budget Update – Senate Appropriations Committee:** The Senate Appropriations Committee will pick up a series of spending bills this week, beginning Tuesday with a subcommittee markup on its Interior-Environment appropriations bill for fiscal 2019. <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/subcommittee-markup-of-the-fy2019-interior-environment-and-related-agencies-appropriations-bill>. The full committee is expected to take up the bill on Thursday morning. House appropriators advanced their \$35 billion Interior-EPA spending bill by a party-line vote last week. The Senate Appropriations markup on the Interior-EPA and Commerce bills is Thursday, June 14, at 10:30 a.m. in 106 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

#### **Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:**

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:** Confirmation hearing for Peter Wright, nominee for U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management.  
<https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings>